

REMARKS

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on 21 December 2007 for the above-referenced patent application. In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended; claims 3 and 14-22 have been canceled. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been entered by such amendment; the amended limitations are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

In the Office Action of 21 December 2007, the Examiner maintained the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-13 and 22-33. In response, the Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's continued indication of allowability of claims 3-13 and claims 22-33 and submit that the invention as defined by such claims should be broadly protected as warranted by law.

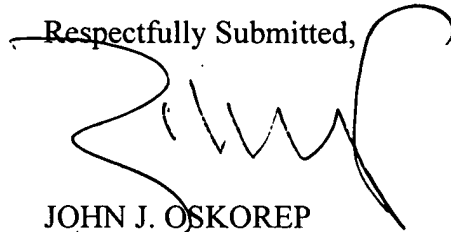
In response, the Applicants incorporate the limitations of previous dependent claim 3 into independent claim 1, and then cancel claim 3. Dependent claims 2 and 4-13 are dependent on newly amended claim 1. Therefore, claims 1-2 and 4-13 are allowable over the prior art of record as indicated by the Examiner. The Applicants further cancel claims 14-21.

Since the prior art fails to teach or suggest all of the claim limitations of the newly amended claims and render the invention obvious, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw all rejections and allow the present application.

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and reconsideration of all pending claims. The Applicants respectfully submit that the application as amended is now in a condition suitable for allowance.

Thank you. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if necessary to expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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